

**Request for Action
By the Trustees of the
Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

Approval of Fund Transfer for Homeownership’s FirstGenHomeRI Program

A. Summary of Request

This Request for Action (“RFA”) is for approval of a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (“AHT”) to the Rhode Island Housing Mortgage and Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) for purposes of funding FirstGenHomeRI, a \$25,000 down payment and closing cost program.

B. Discussion

With a goal of promoting sustainable homeownership, FirstGenHomeRI provides funds to assist low-to-moderate borrowers with the acquisition of their first home. Eligibility requirements include mortgage revenue bond income limits, first-time homebuyer, and residence in “low opportunity legacy” census tracts located in the following cities: Central Falls, East Providence, part of Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick, and Woonsocket. Since the Program’s launch in February 2022, the program has provided \$4,125,000 to 165 first-time homebuyers across 12 municipalities.

The success of the Program and the depletion of the current allocation demonstrate the need to continue funding and promote RIHousing’s interest in working with first generation homebuyers.

C. Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of the resolution set forth at Attachment A, which authorizes a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide continued financing of the program.

D. Attachments

A. Resolution

Attachment A

**Resolution of the Trustees
of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

WHEREAS: The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (“AHT”) was created by Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) for the sole purpose of making homeownership more affordable to low- and moderate-income residents of the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS: RIHousing staff established a subordinate financing program in February 2022 to provide down payment and closing cost assistance;

WHEREAS: the current allocation of funds for this subordinate financing program is approaching depletion; and

WHEREAS: continued funding of the Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 will assist in promoting sustainable homeownership for low- and moderate-income persons in Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

RESOLVED: that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, acting by and through its Trustees, be, and is hereby authorized, to (i) commit an additional \$1,000,000 to the Program and (ii) transfer such funds to RIHousing for purposes of funding the Program;

RESOLVED: that the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer of RIHousing, each acting singly, be and hereby are authorized and empowered to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing resolutions.